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AH... SURE.
WANT SUGAR AND MILK?
HAAH, THE SMELL OF COFFEE...
ズ...
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT.
AAH... THE SWEET-NESS OF SUGAR...
AHA, SO DELICIOUS.
I DON'T EXACTLY HAVE MUCH THOUGH, SO WE'RE GONNA NEED TO ECONOMISE.

HE TOLD AKIKO HOW, UPON LEAVING, THE WORLD HAD ALREADY CHANGED...
AND HOW HE HAD BEEN SURVIVING BY HIMSELF...
THE BOY WAS THEN ASKED ABOUT THE FATEFUL DAY UPON WHICH HE AND HIS FRIENDS HAD HEADED INTO THE MOUNTAIN CAVES, AND THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE STRUCK.
SORRY, I MIGHT'VE BLABBED ON A BIT.
AH...
TO THINK YOU'D... BEEN BY YOURSELF THIS WHOLE TIME SATORU-KUN...
OH YEAH! YOU CAN SEE AN ISLAND FROM THE SHORE YOU WASHED UP ON, WAS THAT WHERE YOU CAME FROM?
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE, THAT'S ALRIGHT.
BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE TALKED TO ANYONE.

I WAS THINKING OF CROSSING THERE SOME DAY.
I KNEW IT!
MM... I GUESS SO.
ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE...
MM... YES, LOTS...
WERE THERE ANY OTHERS ASIDE FROM YOU THERE AKIKO-SAN?
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S BEEN LIKE FOR YOU HERE... LIVING THIS WHOLE TIME BY YOURSELF...
BUT...
WHEN PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER, YOU GET MANY DIFFERENT TYPES.
BUT IT'S PROBABLY NOT...
QUITE WHAT YOU THINK IT'D BE LIKE SATORU-KUN...
YEEEES!
FOR REAL?! THERE REALLY ARE OTHERS OUT THERE!

WHAT DID HAPPEN THEN, TO JAPAN? AND TO THE WORLD...?
PLEASE TELL ME!
...
I... I'VE NOT GOTTEN ANY NEWS SINCE THAT DAY...
I'VE NO IDEA AT ALL ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO JAPAN...
ALRIGHT...
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW... WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...
ON THAT DAY I'D GONE WITH SIX FRIENDS FROM MY CLUB UP TO S PLATEAU, FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER BREAK.
WE WERE GONNA GO TO THE HOT SPRINGS, SEE THE SIGHTS, BUY SOUVENIRS, AND SO ON.

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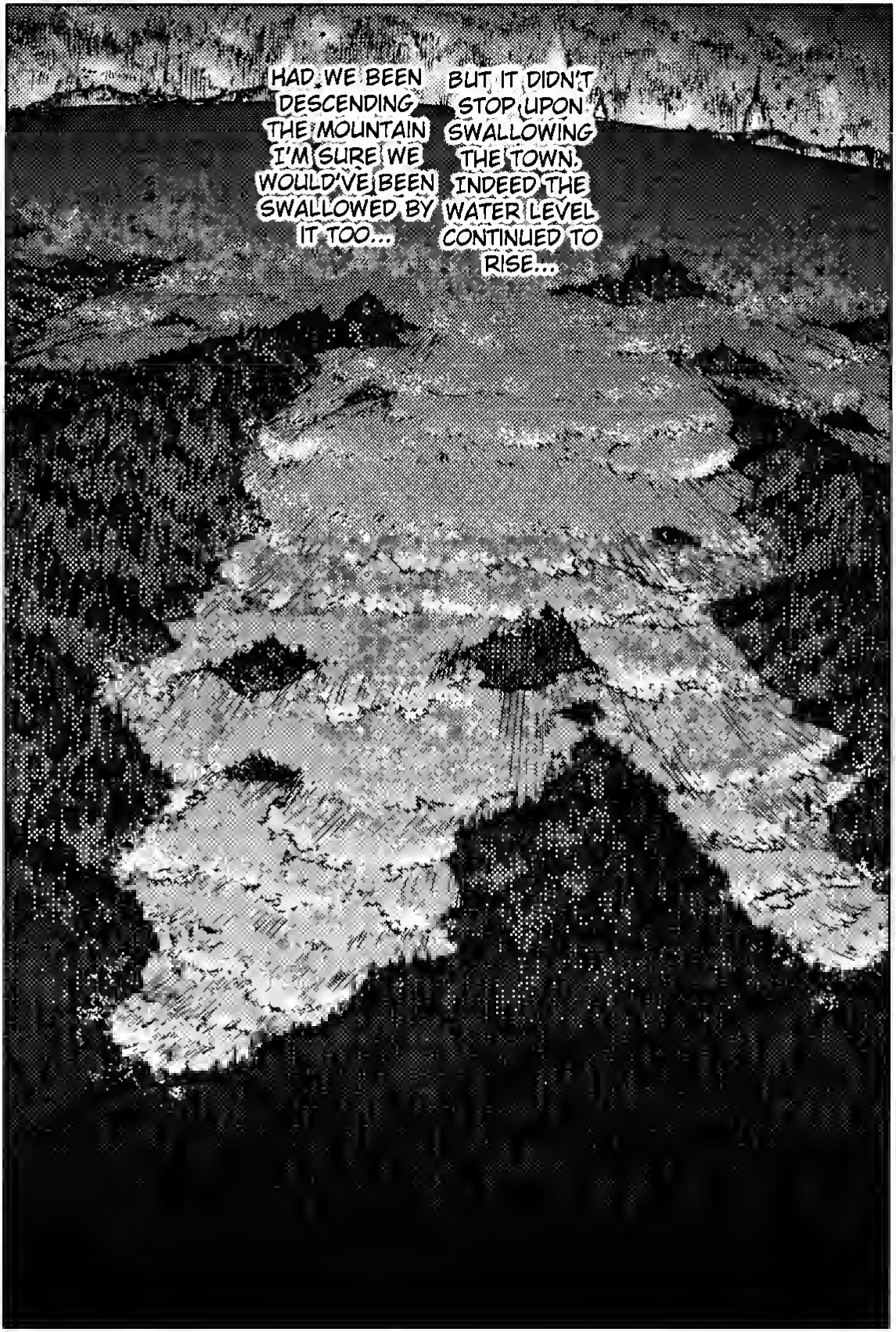
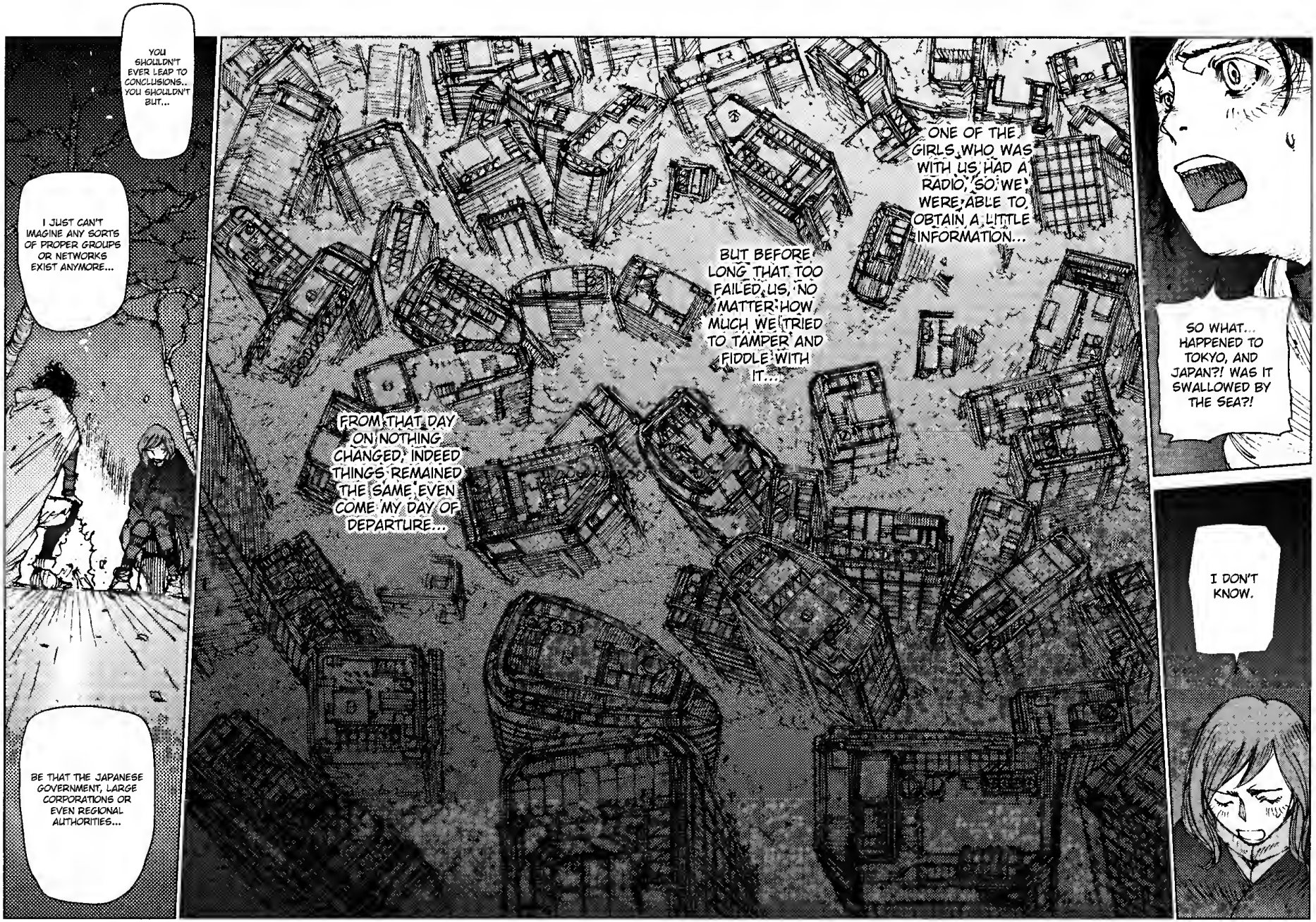
WE FELT A GREAT SHOCK, LIKE THE GROUND WAS THRUSTING UPWARDS...
WE WERE SPENDING OUR TIME LIKE THAT, WHEN SUDDENLY...
I IMAGINE A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE DIED IN THAT ONE MOMENT... THE SHAKING WAS TERRIBLE...
THE GROUND SPLIT, THE EARTH TORE APART, BUILDINGS COLLAPSED.
WE'D BEEN CUT OFF FROM OUR SURROUNDING LIFE LINE.
I FOUND THAT MY PHONE WOULDN'T CONNECT...

IT WAS AROUND AN HOUR AFTER THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE THAT IT CAME...
LOTS OF TOURISTS WERE TRYING TO FLEE DOWN TO THE LOWER TOWN BEFORE NIGHT FELL, BUT...
ONE ROUTE DOWN FROM THE PLATEAU SEEMED TO HAVE JUST ABOUT SURVIVED...
IT...? COULD YOU MEAN...
MY GROUP WAITED A WHILE LONGER AS THE AFTERSHOCKS CONTINUED.
THE PLATEAU WHICH WE WERE ON WAS INLAND... MORE THAN 50 KILOMETRES AWAY FROM THE SEA...
YET IN A MERE INSTANT, WE SAW THE LOWER TOWN SWALLOWED BY MUDDY WATER...


HAD WE BEEN DESCENDING THE MOUNTAIN I'M SURE WE WOULD'VE BEEN SWALLOWED BY IT TOO...
BUT IT DIDN'T STOP UPON SWALLOWING THE TOWN. INDEED THE WATER LEVEL CONTINUED TO RISE...


YOU SHOULDN'T EVER LEAP TO CONCLUSIONS.. YOU SHOULDN'T BUT...
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE ANY SORTS OF PROPER GROUPS OR NETWORKS EXIST ANYMORE...
BE THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, LARGE CORPORATIONS OR EVEN REGIONAL AUTHORITIES...
FROM THAT DAY ON NOTHING CHANGED, INDEED THINGS REMAINED THE SAME EVEN COME MY DAY OF DEPARTURE...
BUT BEFORE LONG THAT TOO FAILED US, NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE TRIED TO TAMPER AND FIDDLE WITH IT....
ONE OF THE GIRLS WHO WAS WITH US HAD A RADIO, SO WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN A LITTLE INFORMATION...
SO WHAT... HAPPENED TO TOKYO, AND JAPAN?! WAS IT SWALLOWED BY THE SEA?!
I DON'T KNOW.

MY DAD, MUM...
SISTER...
MY SCHOOL... MY FRIENDS...
THEN THE AREA I WAS LIVING IN...
NO... IT CAN'T BE...
I'M SORRY, SATORU-KUN...
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE..
BUT... I'M HERE WITH YOU...
YOU'RE NOT ALONE...
!

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT...
I'M SORRY...
BUT... STILL...
AAAAAAH!
ズガ!!!
KUH...
SATORU-KUN!
THE BOY HAD ALREADY PREPARED HIMSELF FOR IT... HE SHOULD'VE KNOWN...
YET THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER CAME AS AN UNIMAGINABLE SHOCK TO HIM...

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Help!!
助けて下さい!!

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